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<u>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</u>

Applicants wish to advise the Patent and Trademark Office of the information listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

Copies are not enclosed of the references that were previously submitted to or cited by the Patent Office in the earlier U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/914,824 filed May 14, 2002 by Bertram et al entitled "Foam In Bag Packaging System and Method for Producing the Same" (parent application). (See 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d).) Applicant is relying upon the parent application for an earlier effective filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

A concise explanation of the relevance of the cited Belgian Patent Application 894,727A is that this reference was cited in the international search report in the PCT counterpart to the parent application of the present application.

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